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<p>As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I verily believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>INHIBITION OF HEPATITIS B VIRUS (HBV) REPLICATION BY RNA INTERFERENCE</b></p> <p>the specification of which is attached hereto, unless the following box is checked:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> was filed on <u>May 19, 2004</u> as United States patent Application Number or PCT International patent application number <u>10/848,736</u></p> <p>and</p> <p>was amended on _____ (if any).</p> <p>I have read and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. 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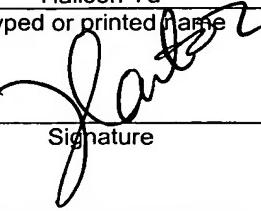
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